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Applicant: T. Fujii et al.
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Reference WO 01/71070 is not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is included in that reference.

Reference JP 8-506393, which is also cited in the specification, is not in the English language, but U.S. 5,976,431 is believed to be a counterpart to the Japanese reference.

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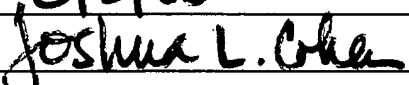
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